

# MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

## WHAT HAPPENED AND HAPPENING.

W. H. Ritchey is home from Cauey, I. T.

J. F. Heinlan, north of Rush Hill, will move to Iowa this week.

R. M. Painter of near Rush Hill is going to become a citizen of Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Vanhorn have returned from Pendleton, Oregon.

Luther Biggers of Mexico is over at Perry plastering the Odd Fellows Hall.

Mrs. C. M. Skelly is visiting her son and his family, Wm. Skelly, of St. Louis.

Harry Leet of Laddonia is at the Thompson depot, C. & A., slugging lighting.

A. K. Adams and wife have gone to San Antonio, Texas, to spend the winter.

W. M. Hesterburg, north of Mexico, was a pleasant caller at this office a few days ago.

Mrs. P. H. Cullen has been entertaining her mother, Mrs. Barbara Coll, of near Perry.

Adam Rice, who fifteen or twenty years ago conducted a hotel at Laddonia, died at his late home a few days ago in New Florence.

Mr. Kph Hughes fell in the Savings Bank a few days ago, catching his foot on a rubber matting, and severely injured his back.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Duncan will celebrate the 20th anniversary of their marriage next Saturday and have issued invitations to a reception.

Tobe Teague and Alva Summers of near Rush Hill are back home from a six months stay at Doniphan, Neb. They are well pleased with that country and think they may go back.

T. D. Sayre, C. & A. ticket agent at Clark, called on the MESSAGE the other day. Mr. Sayre used to be located at Farber, but 25 years ago the first of last September he was transferred to Clark and he has held the position there ever since.

A. C. Whitson as attorney for Mrs. Rosa Genrich, of this city won a big suit for the latter at Pittsfield, Ill., the other day for \$5,000 against the C. & A. railroad. It was damages for the death of Mrs. Genrich's husband who was killed by the cars near Nebo, Ill.

Latney Barnes, late of this city, now located at Amarillo, Texas, writes friends here that his town and county voted on prohibition a few days ago and the town went "dry" by a majority of one vote and the county went the same way by a majority of 33. That's getting there just the same.

Eljah Cox, who left Mexico nine years ago and who since has spent three years in the army in the Philippines, returned last week and visited his relatives here, the W. N. Boatman and J. D. Miller families. His parents now reside at Fulton. It is interesting to hear him tell of his army experiences. He says they are fighting every day in the Philippines, and it does not get into the newspapers. The Filipinos is a treacherous race and it will be a long time before Uncle Sam gets him "benevolently assimilated."

## STOPPED NEW MARRIAGE.

**Judge Barnett, Who Holds Court in Mexico, Would Re-scind Divorce.**

Montgomery, Mo., Dec. 4.—Circuit Judge Barnett has set a precedent in this eleventh judicial district. Mrs. Nellie Spears was granted a divorce at this term and was about to marry Sam Mitchell, an old soldier, when the couple were informed by the court that if the marriage took place during this session the divorce would be rescinded.

This will prevent the wedding from taking place till January first or later.

## Knights of Pythias.

The Knights of Pythias lodge of this city has elected the following officers:

C. D. Stocks, P. C.  
Claud Lee, C. C.  
B. F. Haskell, V. C.  
V. Victor, K. R. and S.  
O. L. Martin, M. and A.  
T. J. Kelso, M. of F.  
J. D. McGee, M. of E.  
Mason Cressey, I. G.  
D. C. Haskell, O. G.

## Mrs. Robert Hayes Dead.

The wife of Robert Hayes living northeast of this city, died last Friday of pneumonia.

Besides the husband the following children survive her: Annie, Earl, John and Rogers.

The funeral service was held at the Catholic church in Mexico Sunday, conducted by Father J. J. Dillion. There was a very large assemblage of relatives and friends present. Deceased's maiden name was Mary Quinlan. She was an excellent woman and a devoted wife and mother.

We extend sympathy to the bereaved ones.

The pall bearers were: E. C. Cunningham, J. F. Rodgers, John Smith, Frank Peck, Wm. Smith and Dave Sullivan.

## Mrs. Stone and the Hogs.

The Middletown Chips tells the following funny experience:

A lady who lives just north east of Middletown bought an arm load of Thanksgiving provisions Wednesday of last week, and on returning home used a path across a field in which some hogs were ranging. On seeing her approach, she looked like Santa Claus to them, and they gathered around to find out what she had brought them. She "shooed" at them; but being of the bare footed and hungry variety, they knew nothing about 'shoo' and kept on insisting that she treat. She called them horrid things, but finally concluded that she'd have to set 'em up. She compromised with them by giving them two heads of cabbage, and while they were indulging in slaw she liked on home, which was but a few Stone's throw away.

J. R. Hodge of Laddonia is a new reader of the MESSAGE.

The engagement of Miss Jess Potts Karnes of this city to Mr. H. B. McLain of Excelsior Springs, Mo., is announced.

Miss Goldie Emerson and her pupils of Duty district will give an entertainment at the school house the night of Dec. 24 for the benefit of the school library. It will be an enjoyable time and is for a worthy purpose and should be liberally patronized.

The Missouri drummers will hold their annual gathering in this city next June 18, 19 and 20. The executive committee met here last week and perfected the arrangements and will publish the program soon. The local entertainment committee is composed of Fred A. Morris, A. H. Whitney and Fred Fisher.

## MODERN WOODMEN.

**Elect Officers and Then Enjoy a Big Banquet at Hotel Hoxey.**

Mexico Camp M. W. A., No. 2050, held their annual election of officers last Friday night. After the election an hour of speech-making took place. D. T. Weakley, a visiting Neighbor from Farber camp, made a stirring speech, lauding Woodcraft and urging members to faithfulness of attendance upon meetings of the camp. He said a number of other good things the Neighbors should not forget. Harry Weatherford, who holds membership in an Illinois camp, also spoke. Short talks were made by the following: Dr. Fred Griffin, John Beal, D. A. Murphy and J. W. Plunkett.

The camp then retired to Hotel Hoxey where they enjoyed a sumptuous supper and banquet tendered them by Neighbor J. W. Plunkett.

The evening was greatly enjoyed by all present.

The officers elected were:  
V. C., D. A. Murphy  
P. V. C., J. D. Pratt  
W. A., J. T. Bedbury  
Clerk, J. W. Plunkett  
E. B., E. F. Kunkel  
Sec., J. P. Hazard  
I. W., H. F. Neely  
Sentry, Joseph Leibler  
Managers, A. M. Trimble, H. L. Miller and G. F. Clark.  
Medical Examiners, Dr. Fred Griffin and Mc. D. Bridgeford.

## Local Option Meeting.

There was another big gathering of citizens at the Court House last Thursday night to consider the local option question.

There were a number of speeches. It is charged that "R. M. White," editor of the Ledger, "made the best speech of any man present." We congratulate our brother. He's away up in the band wagon. Others who spoke were: S. P. Emmons, Col. Fonville, J. W. Dry, F. M. Shoush, E. A. Shannon, C. A. Mitchell, A. W. Kokendoffer and A. C. Browning.

The meeting was enthusiastic. A meeting at the Court House tonight will be addressed by P. H. Cullen. Next Thursday night Prof. J. W. Million will be the speaker. Chairman S. P. Emmons announced the following campaign committee:

First Ward, T. J. Cleland, Jr., W. H. Morris.  
Second Ward, William Frazier, D. A. Murphy.  
Third Ward, Leslie Farrab, C. A. Buckner.  
Fourth Ward, Clark Barnes, Joseph Jesse.  
Delegates at large, Dave Owen, E. B. Norris, W. J. Mason and R. H. Kernan.

Rev. C. A. Mitchell of this city filled the pulpit of the Baptist church at Clark last Sunday.

Mrs. Katherine Lambert of Chicago is visiting the family of her son near Mexico, T. W. Lambert.

O. M. Fuqua, north of Vandalia has sold 80 acres of his farm to Chris Dowell for \$42.50 an acre and the remaining 20 acres for \$10.00 an acre.

J. E. Hodge, down Rush Hill way, called on the MESSAGE last Saturday. J. E. thinks he will be opposed to local option in the county, but he agrees with the MESSAGE that Uncle Sam should get out of the liquor business.

D. T. Weakley of Farber, the biggest Modern Woodman of Audrain County, weighing 310 pounds and R. E. Fisher, assistant cashier of the Audrain Bank, the smallest Modern Woodman of Ollaway county, met in Mexico the other day. Both are most excellent fellows, no matter what you may say about their avocations.

## "Fornist" Champ Clark.

Montgomery City, Mo., Dec. 5.—Three Republicans are already in this (the ninth) district as candidates for Congress against Clark, namely: John Gaston, an attorney of Vandalia, Clarence Barnes, an attorney of Mexico, and W. W. Arnold, former postmaster of Fulton.

Mrs. Eugie Bass Lovett of Albuquerque, N. M., is the guest of her aunts, Misses Bass, on east Promenade street.

Guy Payton of Osceola, Mo., after an extended visit to the family of his cousin, Mrs. J. E. Hodge near Rush Hill, returned home last week.

Mr. Carl Sanford, formerly of this city, and Miss Eula Gordon were married by Rev. H. E. Truax last week. They will reside in Chicago.

Mrs. W. H. Roberts and three children, Daniel, Ruby and Howard of Berwick, Ill., are visiting Mrs. Roberts' parents east of Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Howard.

Mr. P. I. Pierce, Mayor of Laddonia, was tried in Justice A. B. Cluser's court in Mexico last Thursday on the charge of drunkenness. The case will be appealed to the Circuit Court. Mr. Pierce claims that his prosecution is a case of persecution. He prosecuted some crap shooters down there sometime ago, but he says he is going to put the "lid" on now tighter than ever.

## FREE, FREE, FREE.

**\$5.00 worth of cook-utensils, of your own selection, with each purchase of one of our ranges or cooking stove all week of Merchants' Bargain week sale. Remember we carry the Majestic and Superior lines.**

Ferris & Cauthorn.

The Mexico Gas Company have finished laying over five miles of pipe this fall.

Roy Key, the printer, is worth \$1,000,000 more than he was a couple of weeks ago. In our rush of work last week we overlooked mentioning the fact. There is a new boy in his home.

## ABSOLUTELY FREE.

**A set of harness free with every vehicle purchased for cash from us during the Merchant Bargain week sale. All vehicles marked in plain figures.**

Ferris & Cauthorn.

Pay up your subscription to the MESSAGE and get a copy of Hicks' almanac.

## Order of Publication.

State of Missouri, in the Circuit Court of Audrain County, To January term 1908

Leander C. Barnes, Plaintiff,  
vs  
Thomas Fisher, if living, and the unknown heirs and devisees of Thomas Fisher and those claiming by, through or under him or them, Defendants.

Now this December 2nd, 1907, comes plaintiff and files with the Clerk of the Audrain County Circuit Court, in vacation, his petition wherein among other things plaintiff states that he is the owner in fee and claims to have the fee simple title to the following described real estate situated in Audrain County and State of Missouri, to-wit:

The north half of lot three, in the north west quarter of Section 18, Township 32, Range 8 west, containing 40.29 acres more or less, also all that part of the South half of lot 3 in the southwest quarter of Section 7, Township 33, Range 8 west, and all that part of the southeast fourth of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 32, Range 9 west, which lies south of the center of the public road running east and west through said lands containing five acres more or less. And plaintiff says that he and those thru and under whom he claims title to said lands have for more than 30 years last past, been in the quiet, peaceable, continuous, notorious, open, and adverse possession thereof, claiming the same and paying all the taxes thereon.

And plaintiff states that it appears from the records of Audrain County, Missouri, that defendant Thomas Fisher on March 15th, 1937, had title to all of said land, but whether he conveyed the same or disposed of it by will or otherwise is unknown to plaintiff.

That the present abode of said Thomas Fisher, if living, is wholly unknown to plaintiff, and plaintiff says that he does not know and has no means of knowing whether said Thomas Fisher be now living or whether he left surviving him, if dead, a widow or any descendants or other heirs or assigns who might claim some title or interest in said lands adverse to the title of plaintiff, but that if he, the said Thomas Fisher, be dead and did not convey said lands away in his life time nor devise them by will, then his widow if living and whatever heirs there may be to his estate have an apparent title and interest of record in all of said lands, it being such title and interest apparent as they would derive by descent from Thomas Fisher under the laws of Mo. And plaintiff says that he cannot insert the name of the said widow of Thomas Fisher nor his said heirs nor devisees because their names are unknown to him, and that he has described the interests of all such persons, and how derived, as far as his knowledge extends.

It is therefore ordered by the Clerk of Audrain County Circuit Court, in vacation, that publication be made herein, notifying the defendants aforesaid, that suit has been commenced against them in the Circuit Court of Audrain County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to ask said court to try, ascertain and determine the interest and title of plaintiff and defendants respectively in and to said real estate hereinbefore described and by its decrees, adjudicate, settle and define whatever interests the said parties may have therein:

And now you, Thomas Fisher, if living, and the unknown heirs and devisees of Thomas Fisher and those claiming by, thru or under him or them, are hereby notified of the filing of this suit, the object and general nature thereof, and unless you be and appear at the next regular term of the Circuit Court of Audrain County, Missouri, to be begun and held at the court house in Mexico, Audrain County, Missouri, on the 3rd Monday in January, 1908, and on or before the first day of said term answer or otherwise plead to plaintiff's petition the same will be taken as confessed and decree rendered as prayed.

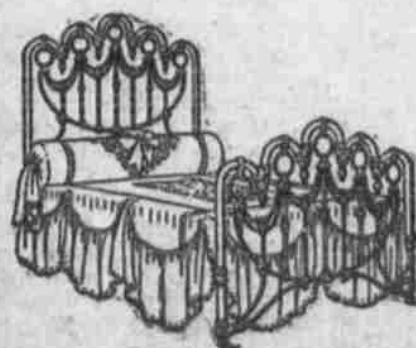
And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published in the Mexico Missouri MESSAGE, a newspaper published weekly in Audrain county, Missouri, for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least 15 days before the first day of said next term of said court.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }  
COUNTY OF AUDRAIN, }

I, W. H. Morris, Clerk of the Circuit court of Audrain County, Missouri, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full and true copy of the Order of Publication in case of Leander C. Barnes vs Thomas Fisher et al as fully as the same appears of record in my office. Witness my hand and official seal this December 2nd, 1907.

W. H. Morris, Clerk Circuit Court.  
W. W. BOTT, Atty for PIF.

For the entire week beginning Monday, Dec. 9, we are going to give bargain prices on our entire line of Fine and Medium Furniture. We cordially invite all our friends and the public to call at our store that week and help us make this sale the largest ever made in the Furniture line in Mexico. We cannot describe to you all of our good values but will be pleased to show you. Never before have the people of Audrain county had the opportunity to select from as large a stock of fine and medium furniture at bargain prices as we are going to offer you next week.



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